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A revealing history of an unscrupulous CIA

To the Editor:

"The CIA has spied on our own people. The FBI has committed burglaries...this is a time for change in our country. I don't want the people to change. I want the government to change."

Jimmy Carter, on the campaign trail in Dallas, September 24, 1976.

In 1976, Jimmy Carter echoed the growing consensus in American politics that the CIA was overstepping its bounds. What were the CIA activities that led to this consensus? Why is it that today the Carter Administration, Congress and the press are pushing to revitalize the CIA?

Since World War II, the CIA has systematically exported their interrogation and torture techniques abroad to governments in Asia, Africa, Latin America and South America in order to maintain a stable investment climate for foreign business. Successful "destablizations" engineered by the CIA include coups in Guatamala in 1954; in Brazil in 1964; and in Chile in 1973. The *New York Times* (August 4, 1974) states that Brazil served

as a torture aid subcontractor in the 1960's and the 1970's wherein CIA- schooled senior military and police officials took "secret steps...to create a coordinated and autonomous torture and 'death squad' onetwork to crush political opposition."

In 1953, Iran was the scene of a CIA- engineered coup that reinstalled the Shah. In 1957, the CIA began training SAVAK, the Iranian secret police. From 1953-1979, 15,000 people were killed by the Shah's secret police and many more people were maimed and tortured while under SAVAK's interrogation.

On the domestic front, the CIA had a near-monopoly on the supply of LSD in America from 1953-1963. During this decade the CIA set up a mindcontrol program (MKULTRA) which experimented on its own agents and "the borderline underworld" which included prostitutes, drug addicts.

Untold damage was done to the many people involved in this experiment. The most notable case was the death of an Army man named Frank Olson in

1953.

The revelation of these activities began a move in the mid- 1970's to enact strict democratic controls on the operations of the CIA and the FBI. Today, the Carter Administration, Congress and the press are pushing to revitalize the CIA and the FBI by exempting both groups from government checks on their activities. If the legislation now pending in Congress is enacted, the CIA and the FBI will have broader powers and will be under less supervision than in the past. This is a blatant attack on all of us who treasure our civil liberties.

On Wednesday October 22, the CIA will be on the UR campus openly recruiting students. Don't be brainwashed!!! If you are interested in learning about the new campaign to "unleash" the CIA, come to a rally in the main lounge of QWilson Commons on Wed. Oct. 22 at 12: noon. Speakers: Crl Estabrook, John Engelhardt and Steven Feuerstein.

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